

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus which obtains an electric program ~~table guide~~ and receives and records a desired program by using ~~said the~~ obtained electric program ~~table guide~~, comprising:

~~a setting means for~~unit operable to setting a recording of ~~said the~~ desired program based on at least a broadcast time ~~zone~~ period and a broadcast channel;

~~a searching means for~~unit operable to searching a character string in a predetermined region of ~~said the~~ electric program ~~table guide~~ ~~included including in said the~~ set broadcast time ~~zone period~~ and broadcast channel; and

~~a controller operable to~~ ~~means for changing~~ ~~said the~~ set broadcast time ~~zone period~~ to a new time period when a predetermined word is included in ~~said the~~ character string.

2. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ predetermined word is "extension".

3. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when ~~said the~~ predetermined word

is searched, a number sequence subsequent ~~thereto~~ to the predetermined word is discriminated and a control for time-extending a termination point of ~~said the~~ broadcast time ~~zone~~ period is carried out in response to the value of ~~said the~~ discriminated number sequence.

4. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the ~~period for said time extension is made to be~~ termination point of the broadcast time period is time-extended by a predetermined length amount when the number sequence subsequent to ~~said the~~ predetermined word cannot be discriminated.

5. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the controller ~~for changing said~~ does not change the set broadcast time ~~zone is not to be carried out~~ period to the new time period when the change of ~~said set broadcast~~ new time zone period overlaps with another of ~~said set broadcast time zone~~ period.

6. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein, when the set broadcast time period is not changed, the controller causes a display for designating a fact that said control was not carried out is performed to be made indicating that the set broadcast time

period was not changed in addition to a display of the desired program set for ~~said recording when the control for changing said set broadcast time zone was not carried out.~~

7. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the setting means unit further carries out also the setting for changing the~~ sets the change from the set broadcast time zone period to the new time period in which said desired program recording is set when the predetermined word is included in said the character string.

8. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 7, wherein ~~a logo designating that the setting for changing the broadcast time zone in which said desired program recording is set is carried out by means of said setting means when the predetermined word is included in said character string is displayed in a display means~~ further comprising a display for displaying a logo indicating that the change from the set broadcast time period to the new time period has been set.

9. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the controller means changes said the set broadcast time zone period to the new time period~~

just before ~~said the~~ desired program recording starts when a ~~the~~ predetermined word is included in ~~said the~~ character string.

10. (currently amended) A program recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the controller ~~for changing said~~ does not change the set broadcast time ~~zone period~~ to the new time period ~~is not to be carried out in a case when a capacity insufficiency of the program recording apparatus is caused by changing said set time zone~~ would have an insufficient capacity at the new time period.

11. (currently amended) A program recording method in which an electric program table is obtained and ~~for receiving and recording a desired program is received and recorded by using said obtained electric program table, the recording of which is set based on at least a broadcast time period and a broadcast channel, the method comprising:~~

obtaining an electric program guide; wherein

in a situation when ~~said the~~ desired program recording is set ~~based on at least a broadcast time zone and a broadcast channel,~~

searching a character string is searched in a predetermined region of ~~said the~~ electric program table guide ~~included including in said the~~ set broadcast time ~~zone period~~ and broadcast channel₇; and

~~_____ a control for changing said the set broadcast time zone period to a new time period is carried out when a predetermined word is included in said the character string.~~

12. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 11, wherein ~~said the~~ predetermined word is "extension".

13. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 11, wherein ~~when said predetermined word is searched,~~

~~_____ the searching step includes discriminating a number sequence subsequent thereto is discriminated to the predetermined word; and a control for _____ time-extending a termination point of said the broadcast time zone period is carried out in response to the value of said the discriminated number sequence.~~

14. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 13, wherein ~~the period for said time extension is made to be a termination point of the broadcast time period is time-extended by a predetermined length amount when the number sequence subsequent to said the predetermined word cannot be discriminated.~~

15. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~control for~~step of changing ~~said the set broadcast time zone period to the new time period~~ is not ~~to be~~ carried out when the ~~change of said set broadcast time zone~~new time period overlaps with another of ~~said set broadcast time zone~~period.

16. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 15, ~~wherein~~further comprising: a displaying an indication that the step of changing the set broadcast time period to a new time period ~~for designating a fact that said control was not carried out is performed in addition to a display of the~~along with the desired program set for said recording when the ~~control for~~step of changing ~~said the set broadcast time zone~~wasperiod is not carried out.

17. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 11, wherein ~~also~~the setting step further includes setting the change from ~~for changing the set broadcast time zone period to the new time period~~in which said desired program recording is set is further carried out when the predetermined word is included in ~~said the~~ character string.

18. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 17, further comprising:

~~wherein displaying a logo designating indicating that the setting for changing change from the set broadcast time zone period to the new time period has been set in which said desired program recording is set is carried out when the predetermined word is included in said the character string is displayed in a display means.~~

19. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 11, wherein ~~said the changing step includes changing the set broadcast time zone is changed~~ period to the new time period just before ~~said the~~ desired program recording starts when a ~~the~~ predetermined word is included in ~~said the~~ character string.

20. (currently amended) A program recording method according to claim 11, wherein the ~~control for step of changing said the set broadcast time zone period to the new time period~~ is not ~~to be carried out in a case when a an insufficient recording capacity insufficiency of the program recording apparatus is caused by changing said set time zone~~ would exist at the new time period.